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PROSECUTORS ASK FOR HARSH SENTENCE FOR BLAGOJEVICH

Blagojevich
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Chicago Tribune

Federal prosecutors on Wednesday asked that former Gov. Rod Blagojevich be sentenced to 15-20 years in prison for his sweeping corruption conviction.

Blagojevich's lawyers long have said they will seek probation for the former governor, who is due to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge James Zagel on Tuesday.

But in their 21-page filing, prosecutors say Blagojevich merits much harsher punishment because he "repeatedly committed serious criminal acts that have done enormous damage to public confidence in Illinois government. He has refused to accept any responsibility for his criminal conduct and, rather, has repeatedly obstructed justice and taken action to further erode respect for the law.

"While the government is not unsympathetic to the plight that Blagojevich, like many criminals, has inflicted upon his family through his criminal acts, Blagojevich has nobody to blame but himself for the criminal conduct in which he engaged."

The sentencing memo highlights some of Blagojevich's misdeeds, including his attempt to trade an appointment to the U.S. Senate seat vacated by President-elect Barack Obama for $1.5 million in campaign cash, his shakedown of a CEO of a children's hospital for $25,000 and his stalling of a bill to help the state horse-racing industry in an effort to earn another $100,000 in campaign contributions.

"Over the course of a relatively brief period of time, during his machinations surrounding the appointment of a United States Senator, and the shakedowns of hospital and racetrack executives, the defendant revealed his corrupt, criminal character," prosecutors said. "But, as the evidence and Blagojevich's conduct at his trials established, these were not isolated incidents. They were part and parcel of an approach to public office that defendant adopted from the moment he became governor in 2002."

Prosecutors noted that Blagojevich was elected governor in 2002 on a platform to end "pay-to-play" politics and decried corruption following the conviction in 2006 of his predecessor, Gov. George Ryan.

The government quoted Blagojevich as saying at the time "that no one is above the law" and "that government is supposed to exist for the good of the people, not the other way around, and certainly not for the personal enrichment of those who hold public office."

TROUBLE IN THE CAPITOL

In addition to Rod Blagojevich, at least seven other Illinois governors have had legal troubles. Here are three who served prison terms, plus Blago, who is due for sentencing. **TRIBUNE**

Otto Kerner

Democrat, 1961-68

Convicted in 1973 of bribery, conspiracy, income tax evasion, mail fraud and perjury in connection with money he earned from racetrack stock.

Daniel Walker

Democrat, 1973-77

Convicted in 1987 of misusing funds from his failed First American Savings and Loan Association of Oak Brook.

George Ryan

Republican, 1999-2003

Convicted in 2006 on 18 felony counts, including racketeering conspiracy, tax and mail fraud and lying to the FBI. Prosecutors accused him of receiving illegal cash payments and gifts during his time as secretary of state and governor. Despite the efforts of attorneys and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, citing the fragile health of Ryan's wife, who has passed away, he remains in prison.

Rod Blagojevich

Democrat, 2003-09

Convicted June 27 after second trial on corruption charges, including the attempt to sell or trade President-elect Barack Obama's vacant U.S. Senate seat. He awaits sentencing.

Setup: We already know Kanye West and Jay-Z, whose Watch the Throne tour hit the United Center this week, can drop serious rhymes. Our question: Who is the best entertainer?

Who's the king of the Throne?

KANYE

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JAY-Z

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Rap shows used to be pretty dull from a sheer spectacle perspective. You'd have the MC, his hype man, his DJ, various crew members, bodyguards and the occasional groupie (or six). Kanye West didn't re-invent what a rap show could be, but he sure did put his stamp on it.

The second he got the level of fame he desired, he put on a certified rock show (The Glow in the Dark Tour), complete with neon, vivid imagery and shutter shades. Before, concert tees had tour dates on the back and cost $20. Now they're made by Givenchy.

West's absolute determination to rock your face off every night has inspired everyone from his former DJ A-Trak (the fact that he had an almost-legendary DJ rocking with him when he started touring should tell you something) to other rappers ... including Jay-Z.

Yes, I'm willing to say that Donda's boy made the best rapper alive step up his game, both on record and in concert. I'm not even going to include the fact that you might even get a legendary 30-minute rant about whatever is bothering Kanye that day!

Spontaneity, a killer work ethic and passion out the wazoo. I'm on Team Yeezy.

When it comes to who is the better entertainer, I firmly believe that it's about showmanship, not stunts. Give me a performer who can own a stage with a mic and backing band over ballet dancers, tiny keyboards and gospel choirs any day.

While both Jay-Z and Kanye have had their stripped-down moments, only Jay-Z has had an MTV "Unplugged" special so successful the accompanying album actually charted on Billboard at No. 20. The man barely had room to walk around and the performance is classic.

Bottom line, Kanye has made his performance reputation about flash while Jay-Z has kept it about the music. I'm going to a show for skill, not scarves.

Kanye has serious talent, but he's still kind of a kid next to a veteran like Jay-Z. They were both clearly enjoying themselves at the VMAs when they brought out "Otis," but Kanye somehow still managed to look like a hype man bounding around Jay, who is much more about standing and delivering than looking like he forgot his Ritalin.

It takes years to develop the kind of showmanship Jay has—energetic, yet controlled and completely engrossing—and for the time being, he's king.

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After hearing that '90s superpop outfit Hanson was launching a for-real beer called MmmHop, a reader suggested we brainstorm a few more band-inspired brews. And thus, a Twitter trending topic was born. Here are a few of the best #bandbeers we heard.

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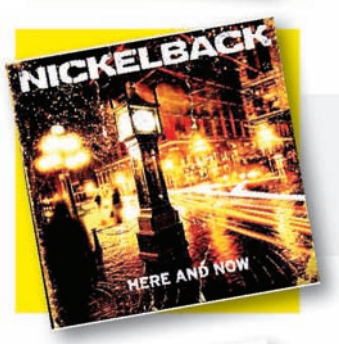

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A Marine veteran eats Monday at the RTW Vet Center on the South Side. The city plans to restore full overnight homeless services. ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE

Back to business

Chicago homeless services to resume in time for cold weather after funds restored

Chicago Tribune

Chicago plans to resume providing full overnight services to homeless people after state lawmakers restored funding for those types of programs across Illinois.

But it's unclear how quickly that can happen because the city is trying to determine how fast the money will start flowing, said Evelyn Diaz, commissioner of the Department of Family and Support Services.

"Our intent is absolutely to fully restore the funds, to fully restore the overnight emergency services team," Diaz said.

Earlier this year, the city lost $2.3 million in state funding, but that money would be restored under a larger set of budget adjustments approved Tuesday to help the state's less fortunate.

After the initial cuts, the city eliminated 22 Family and Support Services jobs and decreased the number of shelter beds across the city by about 300, Diaz said. It also eliminated homeless outreach crews between midnight and 8 a.m.

Two overnight service workers continued to take 311 calls from the homeless and help them find shelter, but rides to those shelters were halted. That resulted in an outcry from aldermen, and Mayor Emanuel found $200,000 to provide some overnight help for the homeless from Nov. 15 until temperatures warm.

The money was being used to "provide really limited service during that overnight shift so that we could get to really priority cases —crisis cases—during the winter months," Diaz said. "We never saw that as sustainable, because it's overtime."

Once the state money comes in, the city will put the 22 jobs back in the budget and fill them, first by recalling workers who were laid off, as required under a union contract.

"We did not expect full funding restoration, but it just couldn't come at a better time with the cold winter months lying ahead," Diaz said, crediting Emanuel, and state Rep. Sara Feigenholtz and state Sen. Heather Steans, both North Side Democrats, for helping restore the money.

"We're just relieved that we're going to have our full team ready to respond," Diaz added. "This is a real win for our most vulnerable residents, and it's a win for our staff who are able to return to work."

Man left life savings in donated suit

Chicago Tribune

The offers of help have come from as far away as Germany and Russia, but an 80-year-old man from Moline has so far refused them as Goodwill workers search for the life savings he says he left in the pocket of a donated suit.

The man says he left $13,000 in a gray suit he dropped off at a Goodwill store in Moline a few weeks ago. Since then, charity workers have been scouring mounds of clothes in the store and at a warehouse—so far, in vain.

The man's wife is suffering from cancer, and much of the money was expected to be used for her medical bills, according to Dana Engelbert, vice president of marketing for Goodwill of the Heartland.

As much as they need the money, the family has refused all offers of help. "The gentleman is quite embarrassed, though he doesn't need to be. It's just one of those things," Engelbert said.

She said the man has asked that his name not be revealed.

Court to consider hearsay statements in Peterson case

The Illinois Supreme Court ordered a lower court to reconsider whether eight hearsay statements should be allowed in Drew Peterson's murder case—a move that offers prosecutors hope and keeps the much-delayed trial on hold for at least several more months.

Report: J-Hud buying $2.8M Burr Ridge home

Chicago singer and actress Jennifer Hudson is buying a home in Burr Ridge that has been for sale for $2.795 million. Hudson has a contract pending on the six-bedroom, seven-bath home and closing is scheduled for January, according to the sellers' agent.

Groupon sales on the up

Groupon sold more than 650,000 holiday deals between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, an increase of 500 percent compared with last year, Chief Executive Andrew Mason said in a blog post Wednesday. TRIBUNE

House of activism

U of C Medical Center hosting gala to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS

By Dawn Turner Trice
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

If you want to know why the normally staid, buttoned-down University of Chicago Medical Center will host a gala fashion show on Friday for a little-known underground community of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, you'll have to talk to two men.

One is a university doctor who sees the effect the HIV virus has had on young black men in his practice. The other man is an LGBT rights advocate who has been working with the so-called House and Ball Community to encourage members who engage in risky sex to stop.

Dr. John Schneider and Keith Green, both unlikely fashion show organizers, said they know some people will spend World AIDS Day on Thursday holding symposiums on HIV prevention and treatment among young black men who have sex with men.

And though Schneider and Green aren't completely against the ivy-tower approach, they wanted to find a more creative use: one that reaches out to the young men themselves.

"Young black men who have sex with black men in general have high rates of HIV infections, but the young men of the Ball Community have even higher rates of HIV," Schneider said. "We've gone to the highest of the high-risk groups to reflect the epidemic on the South Side."

Schneider led a 2010 University of Chicago survey of black men on the South Side who have sex with black men. The study showed 44.4 percent of respondents were HIV-infected. Of that group, 15 percent were not aware they were infected, and half of those who were unaware were ages 18-20.

"John and I keep getting all of this data ... and we decided we needed to bring young men to the table in a way that would resonate with them," said Green, co-chairman of the Chicago Black Gay Men's Caucus.

Because Friday's fashion show participants must incorporate the AIDS ribbon, the color red or latex in their creations, Green said designers will use their artistic ability to convey the message of safe sex while competing for cash prizes from $100 to $300.

Ayanna Armstrong, a transgender woman, says Friday's gala at the University of Chicago Medical Center will help young gay men realize that people care about them. The event, which is free and open to the public, starts at 7 p.m. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE

CONDOM GIVEAWAY

The Chicago Department of Public Health is commemorating World AIDS Day on Thursday by giving away 20,000 condoms at the following CTA stops during the morning rush, the department said in a statement.

- Howard Street Red Line
- 95th Street Red Line
- Logan Square Blue Line
- Austin Green Line
- Thompson Center

With the help of a National Institutes of Health grant, Green has been working with House and Ball Community members at Stroger Hospital for the past two years.

Green said the community has chapters in Chicago and around the country. Men and women dress in elaborate outfits that can range from a drag queen's sequined gown to the more demure outfit of a preppy schoolboy.

"The community dates way back to the 1920s in Harlem, but back then it was more of a pageant-style thing where gay men would dress up and walk down the street," said Green, who's also the director of federal affairs at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, a co-sponsor of Friday's event.

"In the [1990s], Madonna mainstreamed the 'voguing,' but even that style dates back further than Madonna."

The House and Ball Community is comprised of houses of high-fashion, well-to-do LGBT people who name their groups after famous designers—the House of Chanel and the House of Escada, for example—and put on gala balls and fashion shows.

But Green said the House and Ball Community also includes homeless teens who gravitate to the organization. In these cases, the youth may live together in actual houses that have a "parental" structure and provide shelter as well as a support system.

What connects everyone is that fashion is king.

Despite that sense of community, members of the younger group sometimes engage in reckless sexual behavior, said Ayanna Armstrong, a transgendered woman who is the "mother" of the House of Balenciaga, which opened in Chicago in 2002.

A lot of them think no one cares about them, Armstrong said. Friday's fashion show will go a long way to dispelling that idea.

Over the years, the fashion shows have been held during the wee hours of the night and in relative obscurity.

But Friday's event, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the high-ceilinged, glass-encased lobby of the university's School of Social Services Administration, at 969 E. 60th St. (Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the walk competition is 9 p.m.-midnight.)

The Rev. Pat Lee offers communion Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Lee, who has administered the sacrament of the sick for decades to patients dying of AIDS, is inviting the public to join his congregation Thursday to pray for an end to the AIDS crisis. JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

Prayer service to shine light on AIDS epidemic

Chicago Tribune

The Rev. Pat Lee will never forget the day in 1985 when a nurse urged him to scrub his hands with bleach after anointing a man stricken by a mysterious virus. Later, when blood splattered his shoes at a parishioner's bedside, he scrubbed his feet with bleach too.

For years, doctors and nurses called on the Roman Catholic priest to administer the sacrament of the sick because he was the only one willing to come, they said, when a patient lay dying of AIDS.

"In priesthood, there's no room for fear. I'm sorry," said Lee, pastor of Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Catholic churches in the Near North neighborhood. "If someone calls you because they need a sacrament, you go and do it. It never occurred to me that other people were saying no."

To commemorate World AIDS Day on Thursday, the congregation of St. Joseph invites the public to pray for an end to the epidemic that has since claimed 30 million lives worldwide and now threatens a new generation that did not witness the devastation when the disease first arose three decades ago.

As the moderator of gay and lesbian outreach for the Chicago Archdiocese, Lee said he hopes the prayer service helps people recognize AIDS' vast scope. The disease knows no gender, race, religion or sexuality, he said.

"Our prayer service is to pray for a cure," he said. "To pray for people who suffer from AIDS and pray for people, especially in Africa where it's rampant and in China where it's swept under the rug but emerging as a major health issue for that country. It's a worldwide epidemic that we want to keep on people's minds."

Lee's journey personifies long-standing tension in the Catholic Church when it comes to HIV/AIDS ministry and prevention. Most bishops have publicly condemned the use of condoms for disease prevention, even though many health care providers agree prophylactics are one of the primary ways of stemming the spread of the virus.

But ministers and caregivers on the front lines face a complex reality where practicality, church teaching and moral obligations don't always mesh. They acknowledge that condoms aren't the only solution and abstinence is ideal.

But all human beings are works in progress, they say, and not encouraging condoms for a promiscuous person carrying a chronic disease that can be fatal creates an almost unbearable moral dilemma.

"Our ministry is not about preaching Catholic dogma," said Michelle Wetzel, chief executive officer of Alexian Brothers' Bonaventure House on the North Side. "We're an expression of the Alexian Brothers' ministry of care for the poor and the sick."

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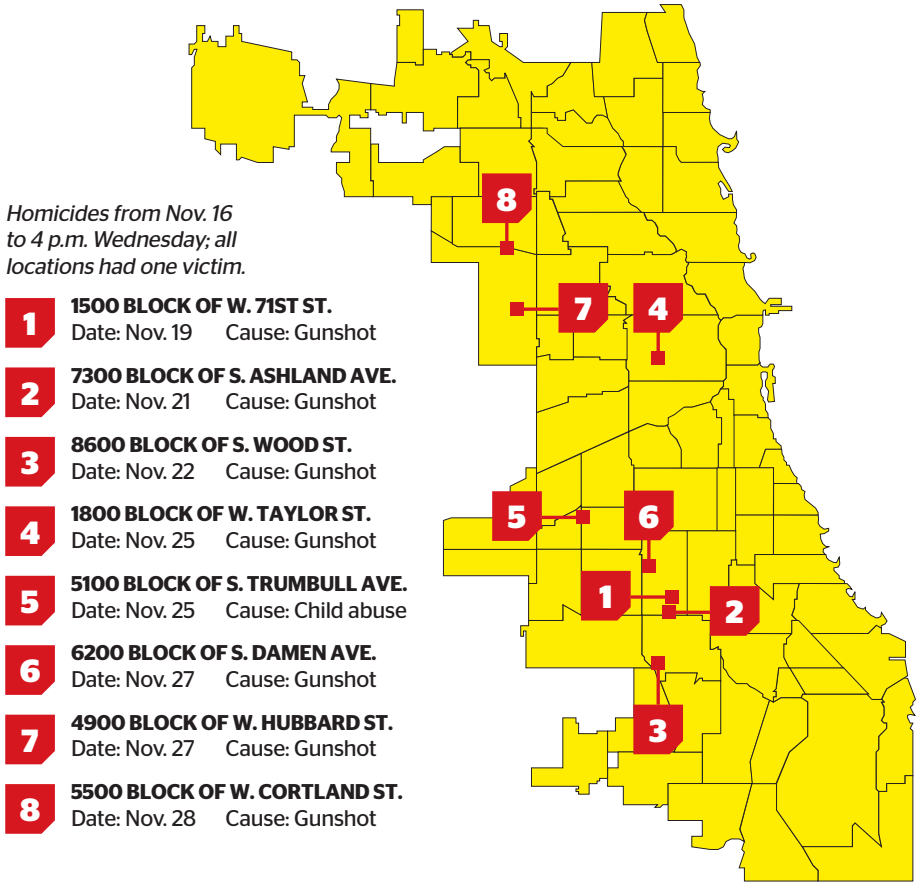

Homicides from Nov. 16 to 4 p.m. Wednesday; all locations had one victim.

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   Date: Nov. 25 Cause: Gunshot
5. **5100 BLOCK OF S. TRUMBULL AVE.**
   Date: Nov. 25 Cause: Child abuse
6. **6200 BLOCK OF S. DAMEN AVE.**
   Date: Nov. 27 Cause: Gunshot
7. **4900 BLOCK OF W. HUBBARD ST.**
   Date: Nov. 27 Cause: Gunshot
8. **5500 BLOCK OF W. CORTLAND ST.**
   Date: Nov. 28 Cause: Gunshot

HOMICIDE TRACKER

A deadly two weeks for West Englewood

By Tracy Swartz
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West Englewood has recorded three homicides in the past two weeks, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

A 20-year-old man was shot to death Sunday in the 6200 block of South Damen Avenue, police said.

Six days earlier, a 26-year-old man was fatally shot in the 7300 block of South Ashland Avenue, police said.

On Nov. 19, a 20-year-old man was fatally shot in the 1500 block of West 71st Street, according to officials.

West Englewood has seen 24 homicides so far this year, including four this month, data shows. The South Side community area recorded 28 homicides last year, RedEye determined.

In Austin, a 17-year-old boy was shot to death Monday in the 5500 block of West Cortland Street, officials said.

A day earlier, a 38-year-old man was fatally shot in the 4900 block of West Hubbard Street, police said.

Austin has logged 27 homicides in 2011, RedEye data shows. The West Side community area saw 23 homicides last year, according to RedEye data.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in the past two weeks in Auburn Gresham and the Near West Side, according to officials.

Meanwhile, a 4-year-old Gage Park boy died Friday from wounds sustained from child abuse, police said.

Thirty-six homicides have been logged so far in November.

Police recorded 32 homicides in November 2011, RedEye found.

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"I couldn't be prouder of what I believe is maybe the finest moment in the history of the Los Angeles Police Department," Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said.

Cain fights back

Republican Herman Cain plowed ahead with his struggling presidential campaign Wednesday, telling supporters in Ohio that he won't be pushed out of the race by allegations of an extramarital affair and calling the charges "character assassination."

Man sues Penn State

A 29 year-old man is suing Penn State University, its former assistant football coach and a charity the coach founded after Jerry Sandusky allegedly sexually abused him more than 100 times, according to the man's attorney.

Stocks stage huge rally

A trader signals on the floor of the Chicago Board Options Exchange during Wednesday's market rally. GETTY IMAGES

NEW YORK Investors around the world raced to scoop up stocks Wednesday after the Federal Reserve said it will work with other central banks to support the global economy.

All three major stock indexes closed the day up more than 4 percent. The Dow's 490-point gain is the largest of 2011 and the best percentage gain since March 2009. But despite Wednesday's run-up, the Nasdaq and S&P 500 are down for the year.

The central banks' coordinated market intervention gave investors hope that world leaders could take the steps to avoid a credit crunch or market paralysis stemming from Europe's sovereign debt crisis.

"It's the first time we've seen this type of global coordination since November 2008," said Michael James, a senior equity trader at Wedbush Morgan. "The degree of coordination sends a message to the markets that global leaders are going to do whatever they need to do to instill confidence in the markets."

For now at least, investors appear willing to ignore any possible parallels between today and November 2008, and just how precarious the state of financial system might be to warrant such a move by global bankers.

"You don't have to fix everything, you have to be on a path towards fixing things," said Tobias Levkovich, chief U.S. equity strategist at Citigroup in New York. "Markets will reward you for the efforts you are making as long as you are moving in the right direction. It's the carrot and the stick; you get rewarded when you do the right thing, and you get punished when you do the wrong thing."

BY THE NUMBERS

The Dow Jones industrial average closed the day up 490 points, or 4.2 percent, to end the month up 0.6 percent. The S&P 500 added 52 points, or 4.3 percent, but is down 0.5 percent for the month. The Nasdaq composite moved up 105 points, or 4.2 percent, but still shed 2.3 percent in November.

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BEARS QUARTERBACK JAY CUTLER CONCEDES HIS SEASON MIGHT BE OVER

PINNED DOWN

Chicago Tribune

Jay Cutler couldn't provide a wedding date now that he's engaged to girlfriend Kristin Cavallari again, and the Bears quarterback also can't project a timetable for his return to action.

Speaking with media for the first time since surgery on his right thumb Nov. 23, Cutler grimly acknowledged he could be lost for the season—including the playoffs. There's just no way of knowing as he just now has begun rehabilitation. He could require a procedure to remove pins that were inserted before he can take the field.

The Bears predicted Cutler would return before the regular season ended after Randy Viola performed the surgery in Vail, Colo. The quarterback chose to go with Viola rather than the team's hand specialist, Thomas A. Wiedrich. Cutler originally was told his recovery from a fractured and dislocated thumb would require six to eight weeks, but Viola offered a more optimistic timetable.

"I'd want to play next week if they'd let me but I don't think that's going to be in the cards," Cutler said.

Bears coach Lovie Smith is remaining optimistic but knows he may have to rely on Caleb Hanie to keep the Bears in the NFC's top wild-card position.

"A possibility?" Smith said. "Yeah. It's a possibility. ... Until someone tells me that he's not, we're going along like he will be able to come back. And nothing was said otherwise. Surgery went well."

The surgery inserted three screws and two pins into Cutler's thumb. The screws will remain permanently and the pins need to come out between three and 10 weeks after surgery.

> "Until someone tells me that he's not, we're going along like he will be able to come back." —Bears coach Lovie Smith

THE CUTLER TRANSLATOR

Jay Cutler spoke about a wide range of topics Wednesday, but what did his words really mean? Let's translate them. REDEYE

ABOUT REHAB, JAY SAID ...

"It could be I'm done for the season. I just have to be smart about it and realize that there is a long-term picture here."

WHAT IT MEANS

"Yeah, I'm totally done. Toast. Stick a fork in me. Even if we make it to the Super Bowl, I'm Audi 5000."

ABOUT HIS RETURN

"I don't want to put a real number on it because I just don't know."

WHAT IT MEANS

"See ya next year. That's for the Cubs fans out there."

ABOUT HIS THUMB

"I'm going to lose a little bit of flexibility in my thumb. Dr. Viola was very cautious in where he was pinning that, and where he was putting those screws at to make sure that I could throw the football without any complications."

WHAT IT MEANS

"My thumb is now going to be just a little bit more useful than my big toe. But the biggest pain is going through security at O'Hare. All that metal sure complicates the check-in process. I've gotten to know TSA agents VERY well."

ABOUT THE INTERCEPTION

"I was pissed at Johnny about the pick and stuff, so coming off the sideline I didn't really know [about the injury]. I was more worried about talking to him—in a calm manner."

WHAT IT MEANS

"We were this close to losing two Bears for the whole season. Johnny's a lucky man."

ABOUT KRISTIN CAVALLARI TWEETING THEIR ENGAGEMENT

"Just heard about that. I'm joking; don't write that. No, there's no date for that."

WHAT IT MEANS

"I SAID I WAS JOKING! Sorry, Kristin."

ABOUT CALEB HANIE

"We just have to be really careful of what kind of situations we put him in. We don't really know what Caleb's comfortable with. Caleb doesn't know what he's comfortable with because he hasn't run a lot of these plays, hasn't done a lot of the stuff in the offense in a game situation, in high-pressure situations."

WHAT IT MEANS

"No comment."

Cutler
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GO NUTS!

SETTLING AGE-OLD, SPORTS DISAGREEMENTS ONE ARGUMENT AT A TIME

Picture this: You've been offered tickets to Sunday's Bears game, but you're not sure whether to take them. You love the Bears, but do you really want to deal with the cold, crowds and cash drain? Does the "being there" factor outweigh your desire to follow your fantasy team? RedEye tackles this issue in the inaugural edition of Go Nuts!

This week: Is football better at home or at the game?

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I'll admit I would love to spend $20 on two beers, sit in a $200 seat, listen to a bunch of meatballs curse at Caleb Hanie and feel like Frosty by the end of the game. ... Oh, wait, no I wouldn't. I'll take the comfort of my own home, thank you very much, where I can take a bathroom break that does not amount to a 20-minute walk, where I can put ketchup on my hot dog—take that, Bears fans—and where I can monitor my fantasy team loaded with Packers, yes PACKERS, as it kicks everyone else's ass. Then, I'll be napping by the time you make it out of Soldier Field. Yep, that's a terrible way to watch a game.

Have you ever heard a story recounted like this: "Yeah, man, I saw Devin Hester's record-breaking punt return touchdown—from my couch"? No. That's because truly special sports memories happen at live events. The sheer excitement of witnessing a football game live is enough to trump watching it at home: 60,000 people cheering, high-fiving strangers, collective booing, stadium jams, the wave, misspelled signs. Do I even need to mention the gloriousness that is tailgating? Your living room may be a comfortable 70 degrees and there's never a line for your bathroom, but c'mon! It's a short season. Man up, paint your face and get to Soldier Field.

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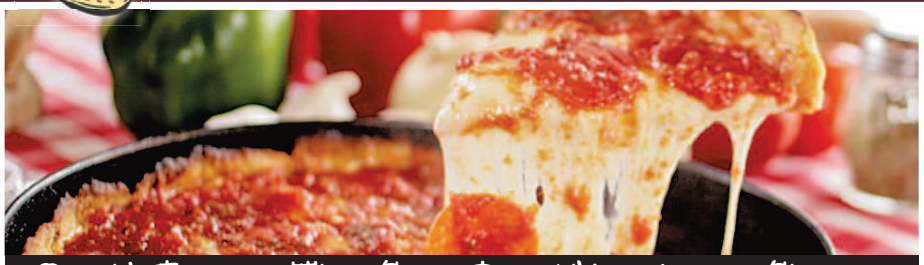

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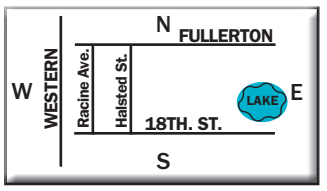

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2 Who else deserves a rule named after them a la "The Derrick Rose Rule"?	The Adam Dunn Rule: Everyone shuns him as long as his average is below .250.	Mercedes Ruehl, Jools Holland and Yul Brynner. Both separately and combined into the "Jools Yul Ruehl Rule."	Savy's spin-o-rama: he spins, you watch, he scores.	The John Scott Rule: The sweeter the mustache, the more playing time you get—regardless of talent.	Kris Humphries. It's "don't marry a Kardashian," and it's a life rule like "liquor before beer, in the clear."
3 Greg Maddux leaving the Cubs twice is like ...	... being subjected to another "Chipmunks" movie. Make it stop!	... insert an on-and-off Hollywood couple I've already forgotten about.	... a fact check: it's actually three times (Braves, Dodgers and now Rangers).	... having your dog go "live on a farm" forever. Twice.	... Frank Thomas leaving the Sox once.
4 Why is Jay Cutler interacting with @jaycutlerthumb on Twitter?	Because **@bronxzooscobra** isn't returning his tweets.	It promised him thumb health in exchange for magic beans. Don't do it, Jay; those beans are valuable.	It's better than all that tweet trading with **@kristincav**.	He thinks his thumb has a Twitter account. Hey, he's dumb enough to date KCav twice ...	His physical therapist prescribed lots of unnecessary, idiotic tweeting.
5 If Mike Martz wants to coach football at Arizona State ...	... he should wear sunscreen and drink lots of water. And take his seven-step drops with him.	... I will be furious with him forever. Actually, change of heart. Over it.	... can I make a list of who else he should take with him?	... oh, sorry, I was already packing his bag and booking his flight.	... Sun Devils quarterbacks should take a long hard look at their school's health insurance policy.

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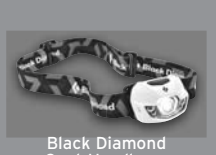
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You've been a bad boy, Ozzie

Whizzer has a few words about Guillen kissing his dog

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Listen, I like Ozzie Guillen. I really do. We were two of the only people in Chicago with back-to-back Z's in our first name.

But there comes a time in a dog's life when he must take a stand. Ozzie has crossed a line. And on behalf of all dogs in this fine world, I've got to put him—and all dog owners, for that matter—in his place.

Please, for the love of all that is sacred, don't kiss your dog with an open mouth like the Ozman did on the cover of ESPN The Magazine.

First of all, it looks downright revolting. I mean, just look at it.

Secondly, we don't like it. At all.

We don't know where your mouth has been, what disgusting things you've been shoving in there—or spewed out of it.

In Ozzie's case, he lets a lot of stuff out of his mouth most people wouldn't.

In the magazine interview, he talks about his relationship with White Sox general manager Kenny Williams.

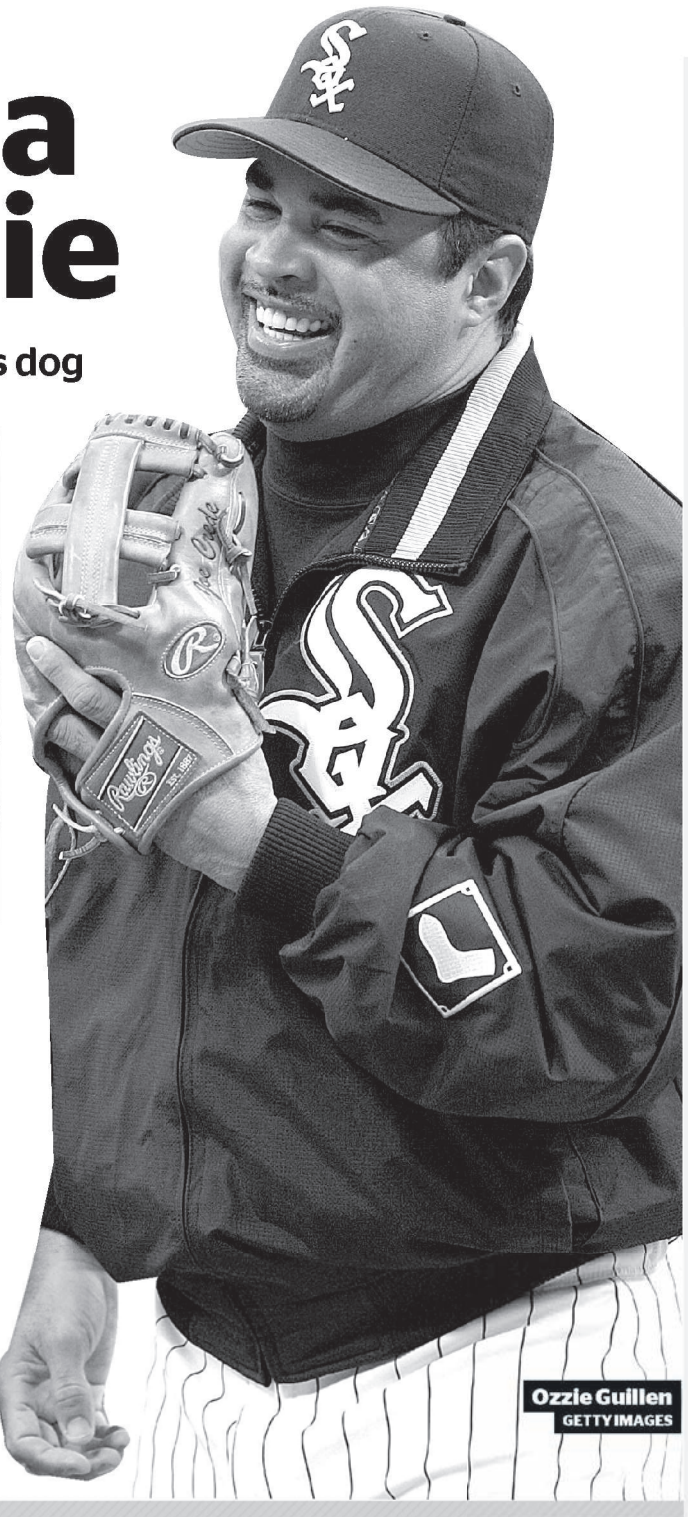
"On the field it was good. But the last two years, off the field, it was not good," he said. "It was unhealthy for the team. It was unfair to the players because we put ourselves between them."

He also took a shot at designated hitters, in a roundabout way.

"I've never managed without a designated hitter, but I'll get used to it," he said. "I don't like the DH. I have a bulldog and named him DH because he is so lazy. He just sits there, eats and sleeps."

Fairly interesting stuff, but I just can't get past that picture.

We are man's best friend. Yes, friend. Let's keep it that way.



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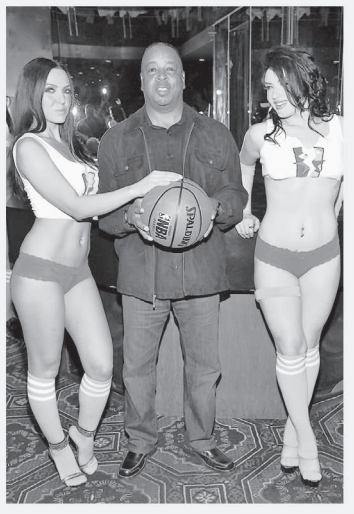
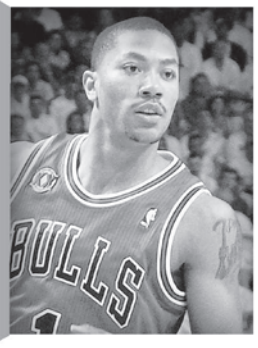


Strip the ball

Move over, lingerie football; Rick's Basketball Association is here. The RBA is made up of, um, dancers from gentleman's clubs from around the country and named after famed Rick's Cabaret in New York City. The NYC club made a splash Tuesday, naming former NBA player Spud Webb its coach. Can't wait to see the man-to-man defense.



BULLS ADVENT CALENDAR

DAY 1

The countdown has begun, Bulls fans. Thursday is Dec. 1; the Bulls open their season Dec. 25, so what better way to count down than with a Christmas-style Bulls advent calendar. Today, Day 1 is for No. 1 Derrick Rose and the superhuman speed he used to outrun Miami's LeBron James and Dwyane Wade for a layup during a game in Miami in March. Ahhh, memories.

Someone's excited about the Cubs

The Cubs signed center-fielder David DeJesus to a two-year, $10 million deal Wednesday, exciting many fans. None more so than DeJesus' wife, Kim, who expressed her Cubbie love on Twitter. "I was born a cubs fan, and now im married to one!!!!!! :) COULDNT BE MORE EXCITED!!!!!!!!!!!! GOOOOO CUBBIES!!!!!!!!!!"

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All it takes is a 2 a.m. visit to a strip on Hubbard, Clark, Halsted or Milwaukee to know exactly how Chicago drinks: hard. The city has a documented reputation.

Nearly 20 percent of adults 18 or older in Chicago have engaged in binge drinking in the past month, according to a report last year from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And while the state isn't No. 1 in overdoing it—that classification goes to Wisconsin—the Land of Lincoln does come in at No. 5 in the Centers' nationwide rankings.

While certainly not all who enjoy the city's nightlife do so irresponsibly, the boozy weekend is an indisputable element of Chicago's patchwork. From bottle service on a West Loop roof to rounds of Jameson in a Wicker Park basement, each neighborhood has its own style of nightlife, and people are quick to defend—and define—their favorites.

"Lakeview, Lincoln Park ... you go there to be seen, flash it up a little bit. Logan Square ... well, we just come to get wasted," said Parri Finister, music publicist at Cole's bar in Logan Square. "Most of the night owls around here live in the neighborhood, so we're walking first ... good luck getting a cab around here."

But mention the idea of walking to a group in River North and see what kind of reaction it brings.

"The majority of people take the 'L' to River North, but take a cab home," said Eric Rose, general manager of Hub 51.

With so much focus on Chicago's drinking patterns, RedEye hit the streets to talk to residents about what drinking in their neighborhoods is really like. From how much they down to how much they spend to how hard it is to get a cab, here's what to expect from a night out in six of the city's biggest hot spots.

REDEYE INTERN BRIAN WELK CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REPORT.

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Pilsen

Just south of downtown, there's a neighborhood in transition that packs in plenty of action in a slightly-under-the-radar nightlife scene. From hipster dive hangouts such as Simone's where beers are only a few bucks to late-night Mexican eats like Los Comales to destination dining like Nightwood, there's a little something for anyone who finally breaks out of their routine to explore this area.

The timeline: Neighborhood dwellers tend to keep standard bar hours, with weekends getting busy around 10 or 11 p.m. at most spots.

The transport: Look to the crosstown No. 8-Halsted and No. 9-Ashland buses for a reliable ride; the Pink Line takes you right to the heart of things. But a cab? Not likely.

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Word on the street
"All sorts of social statuses come together to chill out." —**Arturo Aguirre**, 28

Bucktown/Wicker Park/Logan Square

You'll find plenty of plaid shirts and skinny jeans-wearing folks ordering Tecate, PBR and Old Style at divey-chic joints around the hood at Big Star or Flat Iron or Handlebar. But there's also a growing number of spots dishing out cocktails usually reserved for pricer 'hoods, not to mention stellar beer and dance nights without expensive covers.

The timeline: The earlier the better for any bar with a lot of buzz (Big Star, Violet Hour, The Whistler). 10 p.m. for most other spots. Post-1 a.m. for anything with a late-night license.

The transport: God bless the Blue Line and the No. 9-Ashland or No. 70-Division bus for Bucktown/Wicker Park travel. And although the Blue Line cuts through Logan Square, you'll find most bar patrons walking home.

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Word on the street: "Some bars, it's just a neighborhood feel where everyone knows each other, and at others it can be, dare I say, yuppie-ish." —**Sarah Jacobus**, 21

Lakeview/Lincoln Park

With three of the most rambunctious nightlife mini-'hoods (Wrigleyville, Boystown and DePaul) within their borders, Lakeview and Lincoln Park have long had a reputation for heavy drinking from a younger crowd at spots such as John Barleycorn and Kincade's.

The timeline: Look for Boystown bars to start drawing crowds around 9 p.m. on weekends. Wrigleyville crowds build immediately before and after games. In Lincoln Park? It's your typical 11 p.m.-2 a.m. crowd.

The transport: Between the Red and Brown lines cutting through both neighborhoods and the No. 22-Clark and No. 8-Halsted buses cutting through Wrigleyville and Boystown, public transit is the way to go, though cabs are plentiful.

Word on the street: "[Lakeview is] unpredictable, always awesome and you never know what you're gonna get." —**Frank Dziewior**, 22

Andersonville

Think neighborhood bar-and-grills with serious beer menus (Lady Gregory's) where you'll probably spot a family or two and plenty of LGBT-centric spots filled with Boystown ex-pats (The Call).

The timeline: Look for bar/restaurant hybrids to be packed and family-friendly for dinner, with the crowd switch happening around 10 p.m.

The transport: Not flooded with cabs, but not a desert. The Red Line is an option, but it's a bit of a hike to the Clark Street bars. Buses are easy to navigate (try the No. 22-Clark to take you into the main drag of venues) and if you're the driving type, parking is plentiful.

Word on the street: "You're not going to be embarrassed by Andersonville. You'll catch families and they're totally open and cool." —**Michael Hogan**, co-owner of The Call

River North/ Gold Coast

No neighborhoods pack more club action into their borders than these notorious downtown party zones. Love them or hate them, they make—and attract—money. Sit back and watch the magic switch as restaurants such as Hubbard Inn and Paris Club transition to packed nightspots after 9 p.m. Bottle service central. Spots to blow a paycheck on cover, taxis and cocktails —or avoid entirely.

The timeline: If you're spending the money to go out, you might as well go out. Crowds stick around until closing time. And don't think you can get away with showing up at midnight—weekend lines can be hard to avoid on Hubbard.

The transport: Sure you can take the Red Line, but why bother when there are five cabs aiming right for you?

Word on the street: "The best thing about the area is your ability to go out early for a great dinner ... then stick around to enjoy the nightlife."—**Eric Rose**, general manager of Hub 51

Loop/West Loop

A few blocks (and a few hours) can make a huge difference in defining the nightlife scene in the Loop. These 'hoods win the prize for packing the most post-work drinkers Monday through Friday and for packing in the most tourists the rest of the time. In the West Loop, tabs can add up when you're sipping the buzzed-about cocktails at Aviary or Maude's Liquor Bar.

The timeline: Bars situated near big workplaces clear out well before 9 p.m. Head for the South Loop and West Loop clubs for more late-night action, where venues often stay open until 4 or 5 a.m.

The transport: Buses and trains abound (it's the Loop, after all) but if you're staying out late, the taxis will start to look mighty inviting.

Word on the street:
"Fun until 7 p.m." —**Jessica Biedron**, 26

Does your pre-flight check include beer?

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Bar-goers wait for a delayed flight at O'Briens pub at O'Hare.
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O'Hare on Thanksgiving Eve and I had made it through security in less than 15 minutes. Now was clearly the time to celebrate.

I settled into a barstool at a vaguely depressing Chili's, squashed between the luggage of a man who clearly enjoys The Sharper Image catalog and a fellow who had just returned from wandering aroud India. And it was there that it happened: I had my first airport beer.

I'm not an infrequent flyer, but the urge has never hit me as I schlep my bags through a terminal to sit down for a drink. Apparently I'm in the minority among travelers.

Lenghty layover? Bar. Ride is running late? Bar. About to spend a healthy amount of time with people you see twice a year? Big-time bar.

Or, if you're like one young man who shoved his way to the bar next to me, a spare 10 minutes is really all you need. He ordered, chugged and ran in just enough time (I assume) to make his Nashville flight.

So what is it about airports that make people crave a drink?

It's certainly not the selection or the value. Not that the airport Chili's wasn't delightful, but it's not the kind of place for craft beer or a cocktail. Think baseball beer—big, light and expensive. A 20-ounce plastic cup of Bud Light ran me a little over $7. Not awful, but not a deal.

Maybe it's the convenience. There's typically a spot to drink within sprinting distance of your gate. And if you can't find a seat near the gate, chances are you can find one at the bar. There's more room to stretch out. Heck, they might even have a spare electrical outlet. When it comes to finding a comfortable spot to relax before the chaos of boarding, a bar tops the list (though I've never tried one of those massage chairs. That might outrank it.)

Perhaps everyone is just looking for a transit meet-cute. True, an airport Chili's isn't my ideal spot to run into the guy who is also flying to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, listening to Drake's "Take Care" and happens to have had his ride back out at the last minute when we land. But you never know. It could happen.

Just don't tell me that an airport beer makes the trip more enjoyable. Oh, no. Because after my first airport beer, I figured I had enough time for a second airport beer. And that left me with just enough time to run to my gate and board. Two words: Airplane. Bathroom. Is there really any amount of buzzed bliss worth that experience? I don't have a fear of flying, but I do have a fear of being on the wrong side of the drink cart when I need to use the restroom. And I'm just not sure that the $15 worth of beer I had pre-flight was worth the duress.

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- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 2:15,4:30
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 2:00,4:35,7:10,9:40
- **Hugo** (PG) 3:30 P.M.
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 4:45,9:35
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 2:10,7:10
- **Happy Feet Two 3D** (PG) 5:00,9:55
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 2:30,7:35
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 6:30,9:30
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 2:45,4:00,5:45,7:00,8:45,9:45
- **The Muppets** (PG) 2:05,4:40,7:15,9:50

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
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- **My Week With Marilyn** (R) 3:00,5:15,7:45,10:00
- **Like Crazy** (PG–13) 2:50,5:00,7:15,9:30
- **The Descendants** (R) 1:20,1:50,4:00,4:30,7:00,7:30,9:40,10:05
- **Melancholia** (R) 1:00,3:50,6:50,9:45
- **The Skin I Live In** (R) 1:15,4:15,6:45,9:55
- **Martha Marcy May Marlene** (R) 2:00,4:40,7:40,10:10

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)
2600 N. Western Ave.
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- **Hugo** (PG) 5:00,11:00
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 11:30,2:15,4:50,7:30,10:30
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked!** (G) Advance Tickets Available
- **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 10:40
- **A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (R) 8:50,11:15
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 12:10,3:05,5:50,8:40,11:10
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 12:20,1:15,2:00,2:45,4:05,5:40,6:30,8:00,8:30
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 12:00,2:55,5:30,8:15,10:50
- **The Muppets** (PG) 11:45,1:45,2:30,4:30,5:15,7:15,7:50,10:00
- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 1:30,6:40
- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 4:15,9:15
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 7:00,10:10
- **Happy Feet Two 3D** (PG) 12:30,3:15,6:00
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 1:40,4:40,7:40,10:20
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 6:50,9:50
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 12:40,3:40,6:15,9:05
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) (Open captioned) 3:30,9:30
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 1:00,3:55

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
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- **The Muppets** (PG) ★ 4:40,7:00,9:20
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) ★ 5:00,7:30,10:00
- **J. Edgar** (R) 4:15,7:00,9:50
- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 5:15 P.M.
- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 7:15,9:30

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- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 11:05,1:35,4:05,6:30,9:10
- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 11:10,1:40,4:30,7:10,9:35
- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 11:55,2:15,4:35,6:50,9:15
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 10:40,1:20,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 10:45,1:10,3:35,6:05,8:35
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 11:35,2:15,4:40,7:10
- **Happy Feet Two 3D** (PG) 11:00,1:45,4:25,7:05,9:40
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 11:45,2:40,5:10,7:35,10:05
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 11:15,12:00,1:00,2:05,3:00,4:00,5:00,6:00,7:00,8:00,9:00,10:00
- **The Muppets** (PG) 10:30,11:30,1:15,2:10,3:50,4:50,6:35,7:30,9:15,10:15
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 11:40,2:00,4:20,7:05,9:30

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- **The Last Rites of Joe May** (NR) 6:00,8:15
- **Being Elmo: A Puppeteer's Journey** (PG) 6:15 P.M.
- **El Bulli: Cooking in Progress** (NR) 8:00 P.M.

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- **The Heir Apparent: Largo Winch** (NR) 7:30,9:45
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- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 7:30 P.M.

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
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- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 11:50,2:25,5:10,7:50,10:30
- **In Time** (PG–13) 11:00 P.M.
- AMC Independent **Like Crazy** (PG–13) 11:40,2:15,4:40,7:10,9:25
- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 11:20,4:10
- **A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (R) 9:15 P.M.
- AMC Independent **The Descendants** (R) 11:35,1:20, 2:20,4:15,5:15,7:05,8:05,10:05,11:00
- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 1:45,6:35
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 11:00,1:50,4:20,10:20
- AMC Independent **My Week With Marilyn** (R) 11:40,2:05,4:40,7:25,10:10
- **J. Edgar** (R) 11:45,2:55,6:20,9:40
- **Hugo** (PG) 1:20,4:35,7:45,10:50
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 11:55,2:30,5:10,7:35,10:15
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 12:15,3:00,5:40,8:15
- **Happy Feet Two 3D** (PG) 11:15,2:00,4:40,7:15,10:00
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 11:00,1:40,4:10,6:35,9:15
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 11:25,2:35,5:35,8:45
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 11:00,11:30,12:25,1:10,1:45,2:30,3:20,4:00,4:40,6:15,7:45,9:15, 10:00,10:45
- **The Muppets** (PG) 11:00,11:55,1:40,2:40,4:35,5:35,7:30,8:30,10:25
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 11:05,1:35,4:05,6:30,9:10

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
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- **Happy Feet Two: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) 12:30,3:20,6:10,9:00
- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 12:00,2:45,5:35,8:25,11:00
- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 12:25,5:40,10:50
- **A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (R) 10:30 P.M.
- AMC Independent **The Descendants** (R) 2:10,5:10,8:10,11:00
- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 3:10,8:20
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 12:05,3:00,5:55,8:50
- AMC Independent **My Week With Marilyn** (R) 1:50,4:35,7:20,10:15
- **J. Edgar** (R) 12:00,3:05,6:40,10:10
- **Hugo** (PG) 2:05,8:00
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 5:15 P.M.
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 2:00,7:40
- **Happy Feet Two 3D** (PG) 4:50 P.M.
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 1:05,3:50,6:35,9:20
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 1:10,4:20,7:30,10:40
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 12:10,1:35,2:25,3:15,4:40,5:30,6:20,7:50,8:35,9:30,10:55
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **The Muppets** (PG) 1:20,4:15,7:10,10:05
- **The Muppets** (PG) 12:00,2:50,5:45,8:45
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 1:30,4:10,6:50,9:25

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)
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- **Hugo** (PG) 4:50,10:00
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 1:40,7:40
- **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 9:45
- **J. Edgar** (R) 12:25,3:45,6:50,10:05
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 12:50,1:30,3:40,4:30,6:30,7:30,9:20,10:10
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 5:15,10:15
- **The Muppets** (PG) 12:10,1:50,2:50,4:20,5:20,7:00,7:50,10:20
- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 4:45,9:25
- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 12:05,2:15,7:05
- **Happy Feet Two 3D** (PG) 12:15,2:45,7:45
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 12:30,3:00,5:30,8:00,10:30
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 12:40,3:30,6:20,9:10
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 2:20,4:40,7:10,9:30

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- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 12:50,3:20,5:55,8:25
- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 2:40 P.M.
- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 4:55 P.M.
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 3:50,7:40,9:10,10:25
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 2:00,4:30,7:00,9:35
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 1:20,3:55,6:30,9:05
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- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 2:55,5:20,7:55,10:40
- **Immortals** (R) 1:15,6:35
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- **The Muppets** (PG) 12:55,2:30,3:40,5:10,6:25,7:50,9:15,10:45
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 1:05,3:25,5:40,8:10,10:30

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- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 12:25,2:50,5:15,7:40,10:10
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- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 1:45 P.M.
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 12:05,2:35,5:05,7:45,10:20
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- **The Muppets** (PG) 12:45,1:55,3:35,4:40,6:15,7:30,8:50,10:15
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 1:30,3:45,6:10,8:30,10:45

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- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 12:45,3:45,6:20,8:40
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 2:15,5:10,7:50,10:40
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) ★ 12:50,3:50,6:50,7:30,9:50,10:30
- **Happy Feet Two 3D** (PG) ★ 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:15
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) ★ 4:15,6:45,9:20
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) ★ 1:20 P.M.
- **Hugo** (PG) ★ 1:30,4:30
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) ★ (Closed caption) 2:00,5:00,8:00,11:00
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) ★ 12:00,1:00,3:00,4:00,6:00,7:00,9:00,10:00
- **The Muppets** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 2:20,4:50
- **The Muppets** (PG) ★ 1:10,3:40,6:30,9:10
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 12:40,3:30,6:10,9:30
- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) (Closed caption) 2:30,5:15,8:10,11:10
- **J. Edgar** (R) (Closed caption) 1:15,4:20,7:40,10:50
- **The Descendants** (R) ★ (Closed caption) 7:15,10:15
- **The Descendants** (R) ★ 1:45,4:45,7:45,10:45
- **My Week With Marilyn** (R) ★ 1:50,4:40,7:10,9:40,10:55

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- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) ★ *VIP Premium 21+* 12:00,1:00,3:00,4:00,6:00,7:00,9:00,10:00

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- **The Descendants** (R) ★ 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:10
- **J. Edgar** (R) 1:00,3:55,6:50,9:45
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) ★ 12:30,2:45,5:00,7:15,9:30
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) ★ 12:00,4:30,9:00
- **Happy Feet Two 3D** (PG) ★ 2:15,6:45
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) ★ 1:45,4:30,7:15,10:05
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- **The Muppets** (PG) ★ 12:00,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:40

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CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)
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- **In Time** (PG–13) 8:40
- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 8:30
- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 1:55,6:55
- **J. Edgar** (R) 11:30,12:55,2:30,4:00,5:35,7:05,10:10
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Gnudi, or cheese dumplings, are a favorite at Aldino's restaurant. **ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE**

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Case craze

Los Angeles Times

There's a saying in the media business: Find three examples of anything and you've got yourself a trend. So we feel confident in officially declaring that iPhone cases are most definitely getting more insane. See below for the definitive proof.

Crack a beer

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1 How to explain the thinking behind Opena, the iPhone case that can be used to both protect one's iPhone, and ... open bottles! The company's tag line is: "The world's first iPhone 4 case with a slide out bottle opener included in the back." But there is logic behind the madness. As the Australian founders of the company say on its website: "If you're anything like us you like to travel light. The one thing we always have on us is our phones. The one thing we always seem to be looking for is a bottle opener."

The iPhone as teether case

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2 A Fisher-Price iPhone case for baby? You know it! Search the Fisher-Price website and you'll find the "Laugh & Learn Apptivity Case" under baby items. According to the company the case is dribble- and drool-proof, and compatible with iPhone 3G, iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4, and the second, third and fourth generations of the iPod Touch.

Talk about an earful!

$16

3 What's not to love about this impractical, totally ridiculous, way-too-embarrassing-to-even-contemplate-using iPhone case? The name of the product—Through the Ears—is almost as cumbersome as the product itself. It's available on Urban Outfitters' website.

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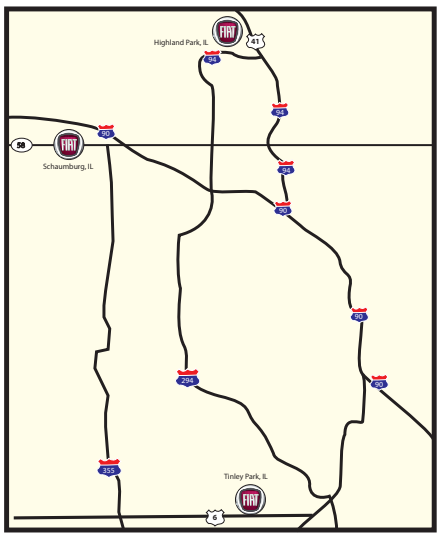

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Beyonce performs at the MTV Video Music Awards in August.
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Beyonce's tribute concert for herself

Reuters

Live at Roseland
Beyonce

No one ever need organize a tribute concert for Beyonce, since she's done such a good job staging her own self-homage with "Beyonce: Live at Roseland," a concert DVD that doubles as a self-directed episode of "This is Your Life."

The second half of the program, shot during a four-night stand in August, is a nearly complete run-through of her most recent album, the possibly underrated "4." Fan reaction to the record hasn't been as enthusiastic as it was for Beyonce's earlier albums, which doesn't stop her from introducing it (without any real elaboration) as "my most defining moment."

Preceding this is a 30-minute medley/monologue billed as "The Journey B 4," in which the pre-2011 greatest hits of Beyonce and Destiny's Child are excerpted mostly in half-minute snippets, interrupted by a self-serving stream of fact- and figure-filled historical commentary.

Say this for Beyonce though: Even at her most egotistical, she's strangely never less than utterly likable. She might actually be the world's most good-natured megalomaniac.

Part 1 probably was more fun to experience at Manhattan's Roseland ballroom than it is to watch on home video—especially if you already own a copy of "I Am Yours—An Intimate Performance in the Encore Theater," a 2009 DVD filmed in Vegas that included a scripted Destiny's Child mega-medley almost identical to this disc's.

Part 2 proves far more satisfying, even though Beyonce may be overestimating "4" as the culmination of her career to date, if only because the tunes all last more than a minute each and there is no further boasting about the accolades she has earned from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. Liberated from the lousy patter to pay tribute to songs instead of herself, she is fairly glorious. Naturally.

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“Hell on Wheels” stars Common and Anson Mount sport “300”-worthy torsos during a brawl in the Western’s next episode—but don’t suggest to Common that those abs were spray-tanned on.

“No, we don’t spray, man,” the Chicago native told me, laughing, during our interview earlier in the season. “We work out, man. We don’t spray.”

In “Bread and Circuses,” airing at 9 p.m. Sunday on AMC, Common’s Elam Ferguson, a former slave now working for the Union Pacific Railroad, challenges his foreman, Cullen Bohannon (Mount) after Bohannon demands he work for free until railroad boss Doc Durant (Colm Meaney) can actually pay them.

Ferguson doesn’t like that idea, which leads Doc to set up at “pugilistic match” between the two men. In the 1860s, that meant a bare-knuckled fight in a bar. Common said the scrap was a lot of fun to film.

“It was a lot of work like, a lot of intensity, man. We trained; we worked hard,” he said. “We really wanted to be in that fight and make this fight not look like it was a fight for television or a movie. This needed to be a real battle and we just sacrificed ourselves.”

The scene looks like an authentic boxing match. It felt that way too, the actor-rapper said.

“There were a couple times I caught a blow to the face,” he said, chuckling. “There were times I came real close to hitting Anson in the face. There was a couple times it connected.”

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Steve Ward Of VH1's "Tough Love."
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By Leonor Vivanco
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Do you suck at being in a relationship? Wonder why the so-called love of your life left you? Are you too picky to find Mr. Right?

Sounds like you're in need of some "Tough Love." The VH1 reality show is holding a casting call for women ages 23-39 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Moe's Cantina in River North.

Dating coach and matchmaker Steve Ward talked to RedEye about heading into the show's fifth cycle of dating boot camp and his thoughts on deal breakers, dating faux pas and gift giving. The show follows Ward's efforts to help single women find love by following his bold, straightforward dating advice.

RedEye asked him about the show's intro, in which he says he knows what guys are thinking when they see a woman.

"I can tell by the way girls dress, and I can tell by how they act, how they carry themselves whether they are self-diluted, narcissistic, completely unrealistic or if they actually stand a shot of being in a healthy, happy relationship," Ward said.

What's an example? "If she's intentionally showing off her bra, like as if it's part of the outfit, that just screams 'look at my chest, please, I'm begging you. That's all I have to offer you is what you see right here.' When they're wearing a heel that has a 4-inch heel and then a 2-inch platform, like really? How about you're 5-foot-1, not 5-foot-8. Let's be honest."

What does all of that say? "High maintenance, completely delusional as to what they think men find attractive. That's not what men find attractive. It's really not. That's the funny thing, women go through these magazines and look at other girls in clubs and they think that's what guys want. No, that's not what we want. You girls do that for you girls and some of you forget that, which I find very hilarious."

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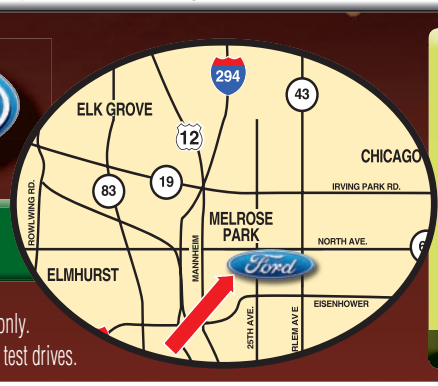

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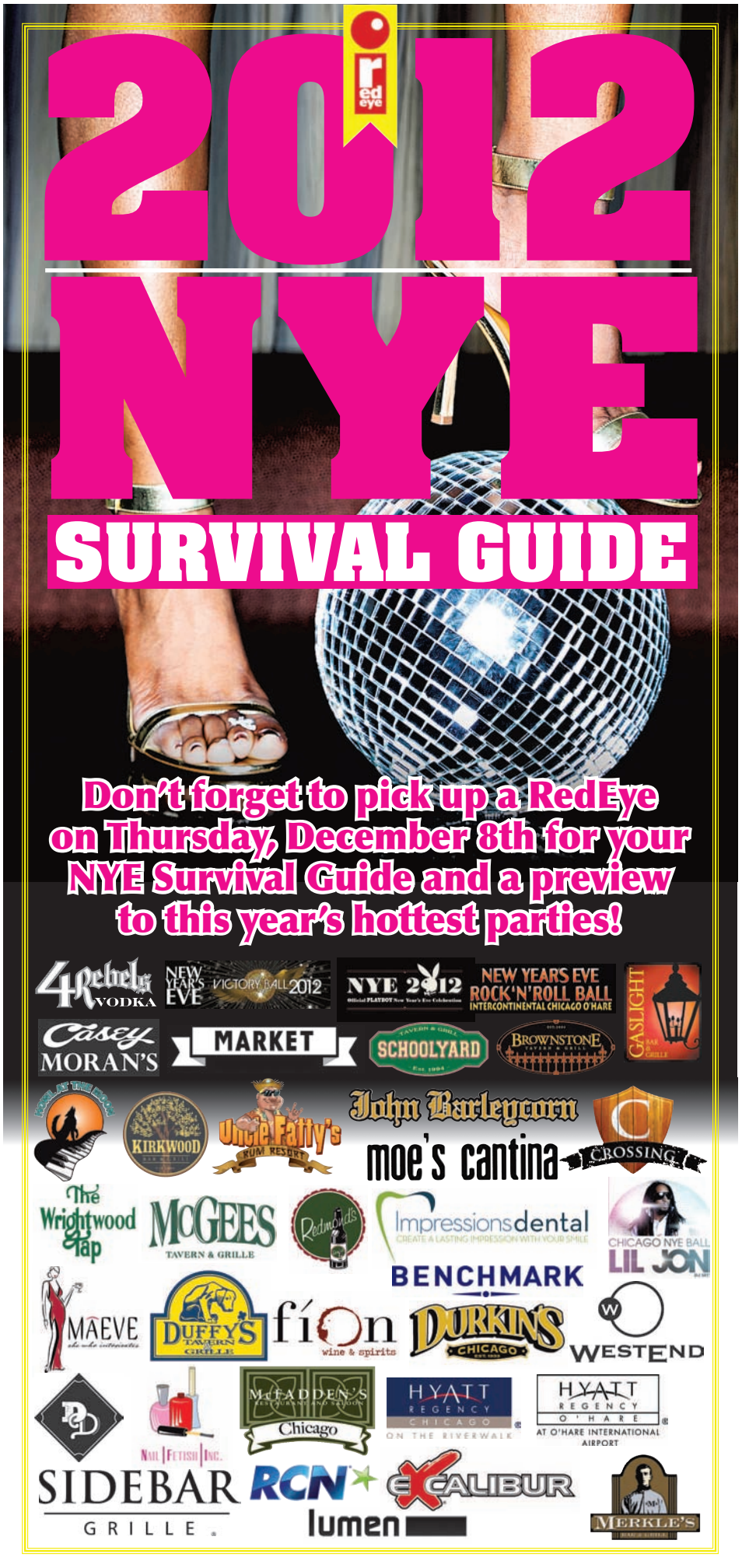

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MTV preps exclusive 'Black Keys' launch

Reuters

MTV is throwing its muscle behind the The Black Keys in anticipation of their upcoming album "El Camino," planning a multiplatform celebration for the album's launch.

With "El Camino" hitting stores Tuesday, MTV will air daily interstitial content titled "MTV2's 120 Minutes Road to Release: The Black Keys" starting this week on MTV 2, as well as a livestream of the album release concert in New York on Monday.

While the 18-and-under set may now think of MTV as the network for reality programs such as "Jersey Shore" and "The Real World," music plays a larger role on its other channels and its cross-platform initiatives.

"MTV has the incomparable ability to harness the power of our television and digital screens to connect fans with the artists they love," said Amy Doyle, executive vice president of music and talent programming strategy for MTV. "We've been supporters of The Black Keys since 2003 and are very excited to celebrate the release of their highly anticipated new album by bringing it to their fans through multiple screens."

The interstitials will offer exclusive content such as interviews with the duo of Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney, along with their band. The band also will sit down with host Matt Pinfield for a long-form interview Dec. 16. The concert will take place at New York's Webster Hall and be available at MTV Hive.

The Akron, Ohio-based duo released their first album in 2002 and have gradually built a larger following, ultimately netting a pair of Grammy Awards for 2010's "Brothers." Based on that album, Auerbach and Carney played major sets at festivals such as Bonnaroo and Coachella.

Five songs from their latest offering are available on the band's website.

Patrick Carney (left) and Dan Auerbach of the Black Keys
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RECENT ALBUM RELEASES

Yelawolf

"Radioactive" (Ghet-O-Vision/DGC/Interscope/Shady).

He's a sharp lyricist with a distinctive voice, but his official debut LP doesn't have the same bite as last year's enthralling mixtape, "Trunk Muzik 0-60." The difference? The songs on "Radioactive" are diluted by all the outside contributions: Only one song doesn't include a featured guest, and Yelawolf already has demonstrated he doesn't need help from Kid Rock, Lil Jon or anyone else to tell gritty stories laced with dark humor.

Mary J. Blige

"My Life II ... The Journey Continues (Act 1)"

Blige long ago promised "No More Drama," but it's drama she thrives on, and this sequel to her 1994 album is no exception. Guests include Nas, Drake, Beyonce, Busta Rhymes and Rick Ross, but Blige is indisputably the star: she sounds confident and in control on songs that are tightly constructed and catchy.

Daughtry

"Break the Spell" (RCA)

Replace the hedonism of Nickelback with brooding angst and you get Daughtry, the band fronted by former "American Idol" contestant Chris Daughtry. Truth be told, though, he sounds a little less burdened here, on songs with sweeping minor-key hooks. Maybe he's finding rock stardom's not so bad after all.

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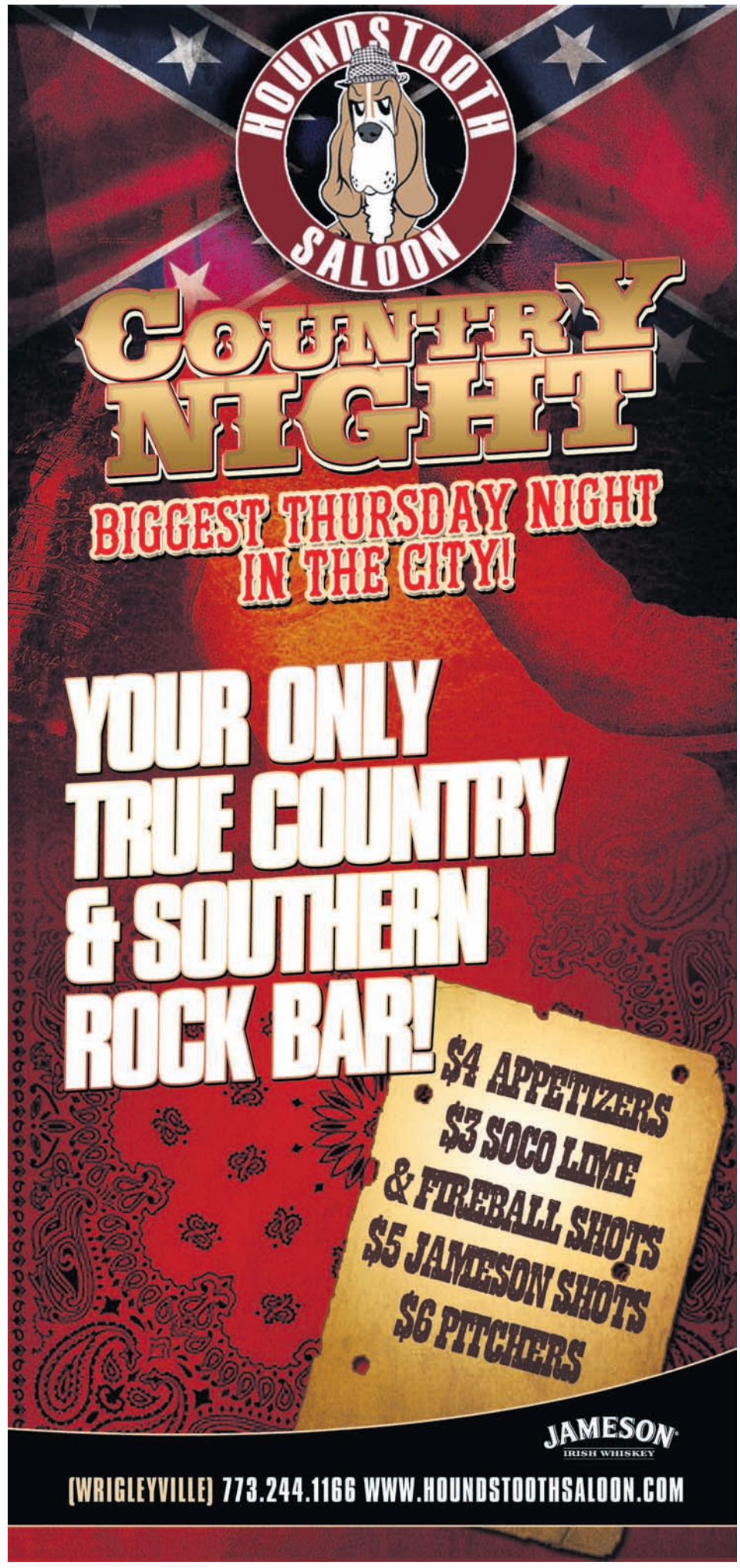


RECORD OF THE YEAR

'Rolling In The Deep'
Adele

'Holocene'
Bon Iver

'Grenade'
Bruno Mars

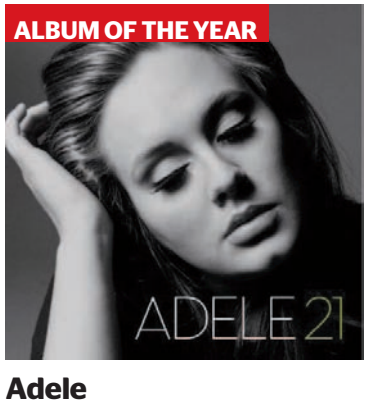
'The Cave'
Mumford & Sons

'Firework'
Katy Perry

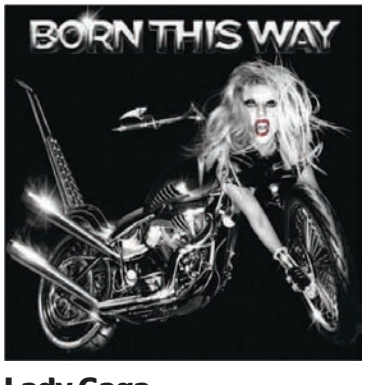
AND THE NOMINATION GOES TO ...

Is this the year of Adele? The Grammy Awards nominations were announced Wednesday, and the British crooner received several high-profile noms. While you wait for the Feb. 12 show, you can debate the merits of these picks.

ALBUM OF THE YEAR



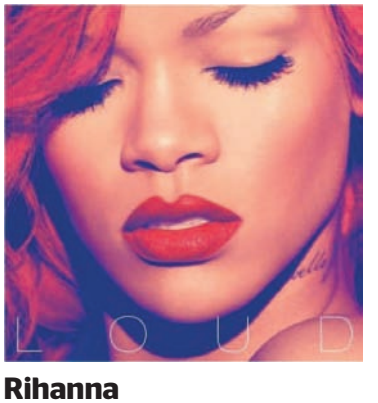
Adele
"21"



Lady Gaga
"Born This Way"

Foo Fighters
"Wasting Light"

Bruno Mars
"Doo-Wops & Hooligans"



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'All of the Lights' *Kanye West*

'The Cave' *Mumford & Sons*

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'Grenade' *Bruno Mars*

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'Rolling In The Deep' *Adele*

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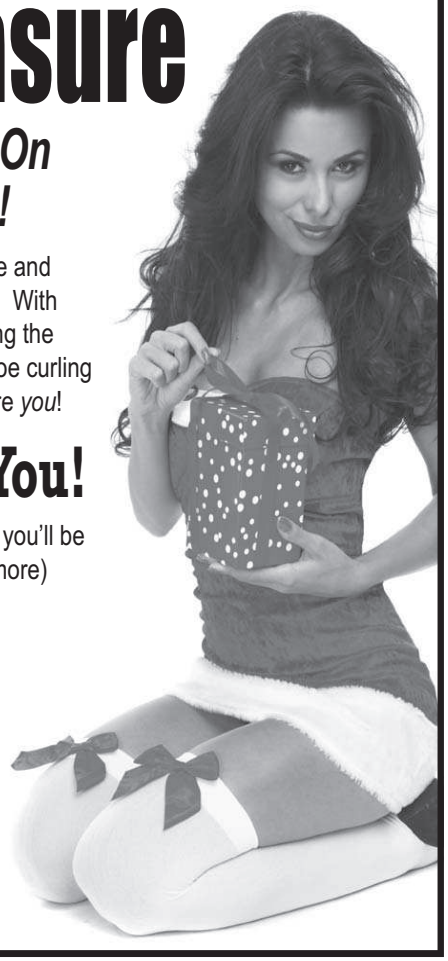

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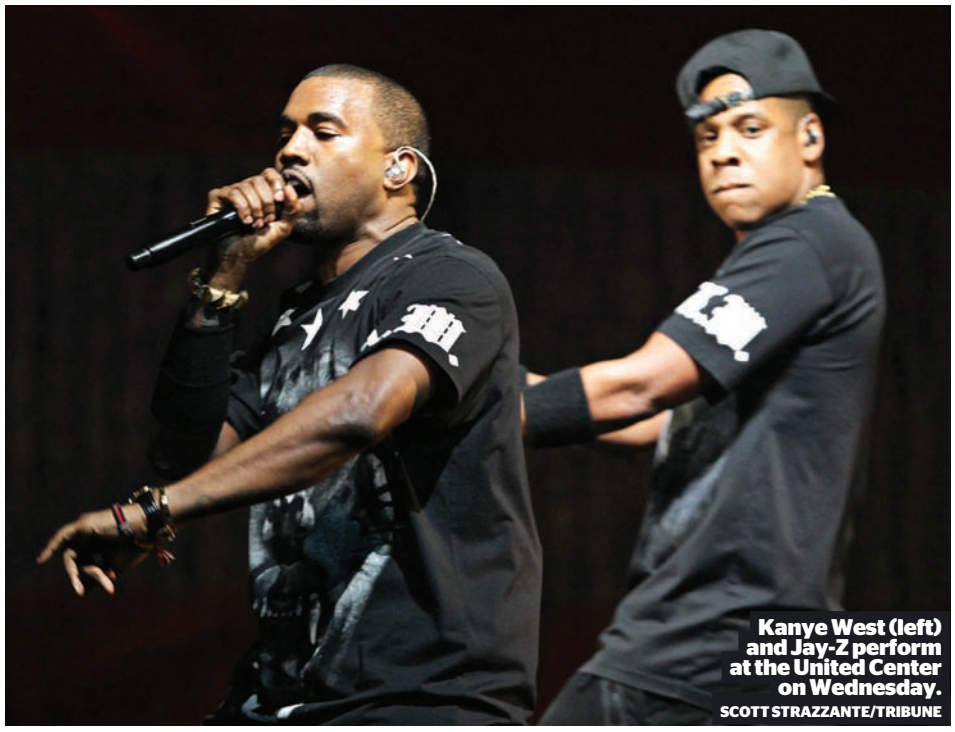

Kanye West (left) and Jay-Z perform at the United Center on Wednesday.
SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE

Dispatches from the Throne

By Ernest Wilkins | REDEYE

It's here! The biggest concert to hit Chicago since, well, the last time Jay-Z was in town rocked the United Center on Wednesday (with another to come Thursday!). Because moments like these are rare—how often do we get to watch the world's two greatest rappers share a stage?—I documented the show. Check out **redeyechicago.com** for the full report on Jay-Z and Kanye West's extravaganza.

7:20 P.M.
The dress code tonight is "dress to impress or don't even try." A surprising number of women have accepted the "look as classy as you can wearing super-high heels and lingerie" challenge—and there aren't many complaints from the dudes in attendance. Everyone looks really ... happy.

8:11 P.M.
Nothing yet. Come on, guys.

8:55 P.M.
Nothing yet. REALLY?!?!

9:22 P.M.
FINALLY! The gents open with "H.A.M." and the place EXPLODES. There are two opposing hydraulic stages. With the projections, it looks like they're standing on aquariums. Forgive my lack of patience before, Hov and 'Ye. This is AMAZIIIIIING!

9:37 P.M.
"H.A.M." goes into "Who gon' stop me now" which goes into "Otis" into "Welcome to the Jungle." The guy a few seats over already is sweating from grooving. I'm not too far behind.

9:49 P.M.
We've entered the solo hits portion. In doing so, we learn about the fan base in attendance. Jay starts with early hit "Where I'm From" (small reaction) then "Jigga What, Jigga Who" (big reaction). Kanye takes over. I should mention he's wearing a leather kilt, shouldn't I? Yeah, he is. Anyway, "Can't Tell Me Nothin'" into "Flashing Lights" into "Jesus Walks" elicits nothing short of a rager. He's playing a home game, and he knows it.

10:01 P.M.
Things that have occurred: A woman asking me what "that diamond hand thing" is. A man easily over 300 pounds doing the best Dougie I've ever seen. Derrick Rose almost dancing (I think). They're playing "Monster."

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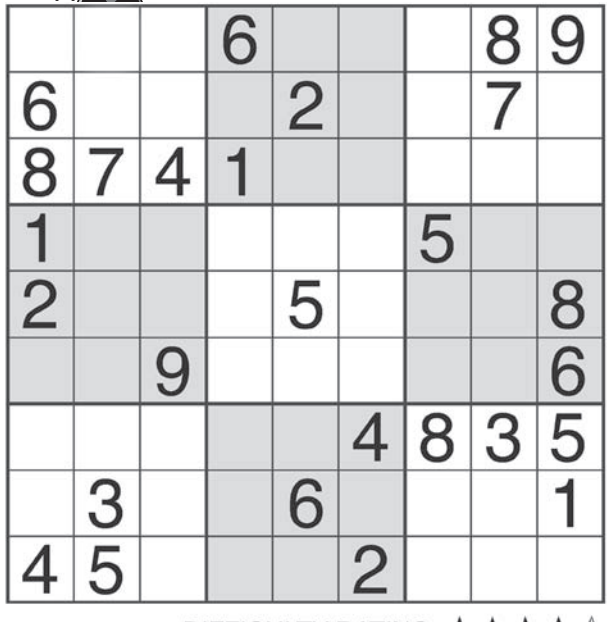

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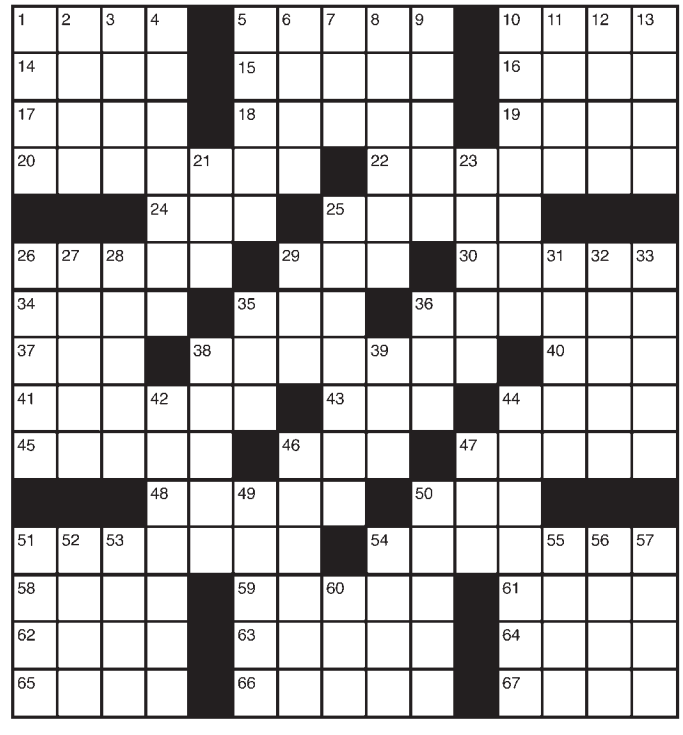
TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1955: Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus; she was arrested, sparking a yearlong boycott of the buses by blacks.

1958: One of Chicago's deadliest fires killed 92 children and three nuns at Our Lady of the Angels School on the West Side.

2004: Tom Brokaw signed off for the last time as principal anchor of "NBC Nightly News."



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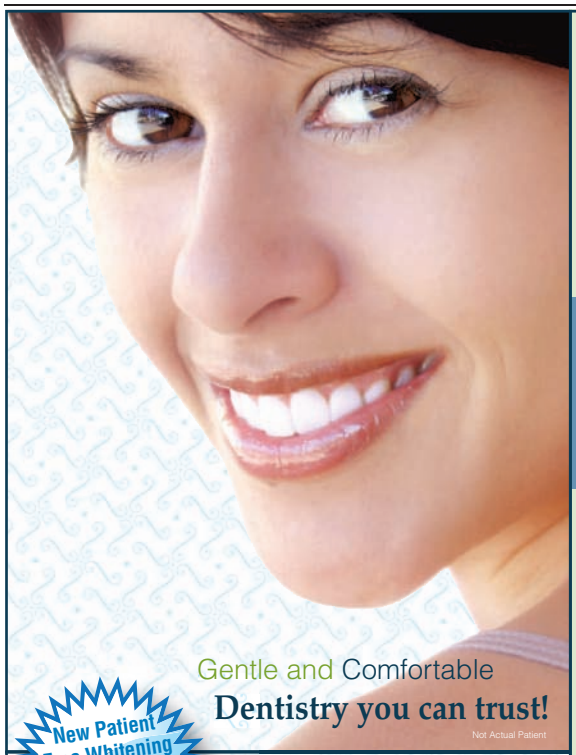
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She said: "This time its official..Jay and I are engaged again :)" on Twitter
He said: "All systems go. Let's rock this party." to Waddle and Silvy on ESPN 1000

Jay Cutler and Kristin Cavallari
REUTERS

Kristin and Jay are back in business —but we've got a few questions before the aisle

I DO-OVER!

By Dana Moran REDEYE

In the biggest "seriously guys, come on!" of the week, Kristin Cavallari and Jay Cutler confirmed Wednesday that their wedding dreams are back on. These two haven't quite reached Kim Kardashian/Kris Humphries level, but we've almost reached our eye-rolling capacity for the year. If we're gonna be OK with pretending like that whole first engagement thing never happened, Kristin and Jay have got some 'splainin' to do. Call it our reality-checklist of demands, if you will. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA

» Does she get to go dress shopping again? 'Cause those ones we saw in **Life and Style magazine**, like, three days before the breakup were nice and all, but maybe something fresh would be more appropriate. This totally proves the whole thing about the groom seeing the bride in her dress before a wedding being a jinx is true.

» Our sausage stuffer never came back to us, so we're assuming all those gifts J and K were registered for count this time around. (OK, so we never quite got around to ordering it ... .) We can't blame them though; they asked for some pretty awesome stuff from Crate & Barrel and Williams-Sonoma. Claw-shaped crab crackers! Totally necessary.

» Did he get down on one knee again? Were there fireworks? Swan boats? Or did he just, like, roll over in bed and ask her to marry him again? After what Jay told Waddle and Silvy on ESPN 1000, it kinda sounds like the latter. "I'm just kinda like along for the ride. I hear about [those decisions] in passing or if I have to possibly write a check or something," he told the talking heads when asked about how he popped the question again. Ouch.

» Speaking of the proposal, what's the deal with the ring? Us Weekly is reporting that Kristin was spotted Tuesday "with her 5.2 carat engagement ring back on." We hope she demanded something MUCH larger after such a public dissing ... and maybe a vacation house or something.

» Most importantly: GIRL, WHERE IS YOUR PRIDE? We totally understand not being over an ex even after he's broken your heart, but we didn't get dumped on the cover of a bajillion magazines. Those salmon-colored pants Jay's been wearing recently had better be just the first step in her revenge plot.

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The number of viewers who tuned in to CBS' "Victoria's Secret Fashion Show," setting a record for the lingerie-laden special. Which begs the question: When will we finally get to see a "Burlington Coat Factory Fashion Show"?

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On the Buble

Score one for the Nickelback haters. In a close battle for the No. 1 spot on the Billboard 200 album sales chart, Michael Buble's "Christmas" edged out Nickelback's "Here and Now," **billboard.com** reports. Both sold around 227,000 copies. It's Buble's third No. 1 album.

That's ... fascinating

In today's disappointing news ... Barbara Walters released part of her list of 2011's Most Fascinating People, which includes Simon Cowell, the Kardashian family, Eric Stonestreet and Jesse Tyler Ferguson of "Modern Family," Derek Jeter, Donald Trump, Katy Perry and Pippa Middleton. Who's No. 1? He or she won't be revealed until the ABC special airs Dec. 14. It's Pippa's ass, isn't it?

Kourtney Kardashian and Scott Disick
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TWISTED SISTERS

One Kardashian sister's family dreams have crumbled, yes, but another's family is growing. Kourtney Kardashian reveals in the new issue of Us Weekly that she is pregnant with her second child with boyfriend Scott Disick. Meanwhile, **people.com** reports that Kim's estranged husband, Kris Humphries, plans to seek a legal separation in response to her divorce filing. His intent, according to People, is to eventually have the marriage annulled, as if it never happened (thereby bringing the legal reality in line with how most of America already feels).

Kris Humphries
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"I am 100 percent against violence of any kind."

—"Jersey Shore's" **Vinny Guadagnino**, apologizing on his blog for a rap he posted on YouTube that included the lyric "acting like I'm raping it" in reference to hooking up with a stripper

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